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**Azusa Man Sentenced to Prison
for Sexually Assaulting Girl**

A 48-year-old man convicted of sexually assaulting a young girl was sentenced today to 25 years in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Last month, Victor Martinez of Azusa pleaded no contest to four felony counts: sodomy by use of force-victim under 14, sexual penetration by foreign object, dissuading a witness from reporting a crime and lewd act upon a child in case KA108117.

At today's sentencing, Judge Robert M. Martinez also ordered the defendant to register as a sex offender for life.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley, who prosecuted the case, said Martinez was a friend of the 10-year-old victim's family.

On Oct. 20, 2014, the victim went with Martinez in his car to get some food. During the car ride, Martinez took the girl to a parking lot and sexually assaulted her. After the attack, Martinez ordered the girl not to tell anyone what happened, the prosecutor said.

Two days later, the girl told her mother about the assault and authorities were called. During the investigation, law enforcement learned Martinez had previously molested the girl, the prosecutor added.

Soon after, law enforcement located the defendant and he was arrested and held on \$1.2 million bail.

The case was investigated by the Azusa Police Department.

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